

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in Appendix A submitted herewith according to the revision to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 concerning a manner for making amendments to the claims.

REMARKS

Claims 6-7 and 12-19 are presently pending in the captioned application with claims 6 and 14-15 being amended and new claim 20 being added.

The Examiner allowed claims 12-19. That indication is acknowledged with appreciation.

The present amendment is to correct an incorrect status identifier in the previous amendment of November 18, 2003. The status identifier of "previously added" has now been changed to "previously presented" as required under the second July 30, 2003, revision to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 concerning a manner for making amendments to the claims.

CONCLUSION

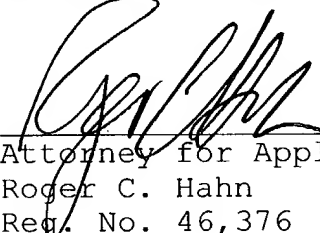
In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the

application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the pending claims and allow the pending claims. Favorable action with an early allowance of the claims pending is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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